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SUBJECT: G-19 REQUEST FOR MARKET ACCESS COMMITMENTS ON
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

REF: OECD PARIS 13499

1. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON QUESTION OF
PETROLEUM IN THE MTN.

2. SECTION 127 OF THE TRADE ACT REQUIRES THAT THE
PRESIDENT RESERVE FROM NEGOTIATIONS CONTEMPLATING
REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF DUTY, OR OTHER IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS, ANY ARTICLE SUBJECT TO A NATIONAL SECURITY
ACTION. THE PRESIDENT HAS DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM-BASED ARTICLES MEET THE CRITERIA
IN SECTION 127 AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR
THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF ANY DUTY. THE NATIONAL
SECURITY EXCLUSIONS INCLUDE TARIFF ITEMS COVERING CRUDE
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PETROLEUM, MOST PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AND CERTAIN
PETROLEUM-BASED HYDROCARBONS. AGGREGATE U.S. IMPORT
VALUES IN THESE ITEMS AMOUNTED TO \$24 BILLION IN 1974,
OF WHICH TSUS ITEMS 475.05 AND 475.10, WHICH INCLUDE
CRUDE PETROLEUM, RESIDUAL FUEL OIL, ETC., WERE THE
MOST IMPORTANT. OTHER AFFECTED PRODUCTS INCLUDE MOTOR
FUEL, KEROSENE, NAPHTHAS, CERTAIN LUBRICATING OILS,

AND PETROLEUM-BASED HYDROCARBONS AND MIXTURES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOTOR FUELS AND HYDROCARBON MIXTURES, THE AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT OF THE TARIFFS ON THESE PRODUCTS IS INSIGNIFICANT; IT IS BELOW 1 PERCENT.

3. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER KEY COUNTRIES (THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, JAPAN AND CANADA) SUGGEST THAT NONE OF THEM INTEND TO OFFER IN THE MTN TARIFF REDUCTIONS OR REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PETROLEUM. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL OF THE MAJOR PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, AND OTHER ARAB GULF COUNTRIES) ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN. WALKER

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